

HOUSE RESOLUTION 264
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Paul Easton for his
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as
estimable public servants dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Paul Easton, who was recently honored by
Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center for his dutiful military service and volunteerism and
commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Easton served with courage and gallantry during World War II to
uphold and protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, when the freedom of this State, our Nation, and the world was threatened
by foreign aggression during World War II, Mr. Easton joined the many men and women of the
Greatest Generation who left their normal lives behind to oppose tyranny and defend liberty;
and

WHEREAS, born in Romney, West Virginia, Paul Easton joined the Merchant Marines
after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, while serving on an United States tanker, Paul Easton's ship was hit by
German torpedoes, and he sustained a head injury during the attack; and

WHEREAS, returning home after the war, Paul Easton completed two college degrees,
one in chemistry and the other in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, moving to East Tennessee, Paul Easton began working with the Tennessee
Valley Authority developing fossil fuel energy; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Paul Easton is most thankful for the love and companionship he shared with his wife of fifty years, Lonnie; and

WHEREAS, after Lonnie became seriously ill, Mr. and Mrs. Easton checked into Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center (RCRC), where Paul could better care for his wife; and

WHEREAS, after Lonnie passed away, Paul Easton checked out of Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center, and he began working at RCRC full-time as a volunteer; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous service organizations, Mr. Easton visits nursing homes, hospitals, and shut-ins, a testament to his unflagging commitment to helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Easton also tutors third and fourth grade students at his church one day a week; and

WHEREAS, Paul Easton epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Paul Easton upon being honored by Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center, commend him for his meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee, and wish him every future happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.